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Theme

Emerging Issues of Ageing and Disability in the Elderly Populations

(Circulation for Students, Faculty, Researchers, Practitioners, Teachers, PhD Scholars)

TISS Journal of Disability Studies and Research invites research papers for its half yearly issue of December 2026. The Journal calls for manuscripts reporting - original research, empirical studies, grassroots level studies, evidence based studies, technology based studies from multiple educational disciplines to develop knowledge on persons with disability with a multidisciplinary lens. The studies are invited from faculty, scholars from various disciplines to dialogue on disability and contribute in the field of disability studies. After the peer review process the accepted papers will be published in the December 2026 Issue of this Journal.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

Full Paper Submission: 20th October 2026 (Time: 11.59 p.m.)

Peer Review Process: Six Weeks

Sub Themes:

1. Speech and Language Disabilities
2. New Directions of Elderly Care & Interventions

3. Demographic Shift in Ageing Populations
4. Ageing, Health and Acquired Disabilities in Elderly
5. Technology. Artificial Intelligence and Disability
6. New Directions in Prosthetics and Orthotics for Elderly care
7. Ageing in Rural Context
8. Physiotherapy & Occupation Therapy Interventions for Elderly
9. Elderly Care Services
10. Inclusive Education/Special Education
11. Disability Laws, Rights and Landmark Judgements
12. Disability and Society

The authors shall base their academic/research papers based on the Theme or/and sub-themes.

ABOUT THE JOURNAL

TISS Journal of Disability Studies and Research is a Journal of multidisciplinary nature. It aims to transcend beyond the traditional boundaries of academic disciplines to contribute to the field of disability studies. This Journal attempts to address the contemporary and critical issues of persons with disability across the life span and epistemological questions. The Journal promotes indigenous work, evidence based practice, field based research, and people centred work at grassroots that require scientific enquiry to develop the discipline of disability studies with bottom up approach. Essentially to understand voices of persons with disability to contribute to the sector and identification of research gaps important for policy makers. Broader aspects are mainstreaming disability in education, livelihood, and work, family, community towards strengthening their sustainable development. The journal deals holistically with issue of disability studies and inclusion with multidisciplinary lens to create an academic space in disciplines on the subject of disability to develop academic rigour and foundation of the Disability Studies.

This is a flagship project of the Centre for Disability Studies and Action, TISS. Through this journal, TISS aims to establish a unique platform of multi-faceted discourse on disability in all forms, including epistemological research, evidence based practice, scientific analysis of people centred sustainable development, promote grass root level work, provide voices to people with disabilities and promote rights based approach with UNCRPD framework in the academic spaces and disciplines.

Aim: To establish dialogue on disability with multidisciplinary lens and promoting inclusion of persons with disabilities in society with an aim to create an evidence based knowledge and multidisciplinary practices in the field of disability studies. To recognize equality and sustainable development contexts of the persons with disabilities in coherence with enshrined principles of the United Nations Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

GUIDELINES FOR THE AUTHORS:

A. Submission of Manuscript

1. **Communication and Submissions**-All submissions and subsequent communications regarding the manuscript may be addressed to the Chief Editor by email at vaishali@tiss.edu

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d. **Abstract** (200 words) should consist of brief introductory description of study, methodological specifications, pedagogy, and findings/outcome. e. **Key words**-6-8 words

f. **Word Limit- Articles (4000 to 6000 words)** Papers that comprehensively analyse a theme and engage with all the existing literature on it.

g. **Essays** (5000 to 6000 words) Papers that concisely analyse critical issues in Disability.

h. **Full Paper Submission Format: Abstract, Introduction, Literature Review, Research Design/Pedagogy/Methodology, Analytical Discussion, Findings, Conclusion, Scope, Limitation, Acknowledgement, Funding, Conflict of Interest, References in APA 7 style.**

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